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In re Patent Application of

Masayuki TAKAHASHI et al

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April 11, 2001

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.42 AND 1.47

Sir:

Petition is hereby made pursuant to 37 CFR §1.42 and 1.47(a) to accept the above-identified application for examination in the absence of the signature of one of the joint inventors, namely Masayuki Takahashi, who is deceased and whose heiress-in-law cannot be located.

In support of this petition, there is attached hereto a Factual Declaration by Hideo NAKANO which sets forth sufficient facts which demonstrate that the heiress-in-law of the decedent's estate, Ms. Yuko Takahashi, cannot be located after diligent efforts.

The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(h) is also attached.

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A favorable decision on the merits of this Petition is awaited. Specifically, the granting of Rule 47 status to this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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